

Divorce Information

Divorce Action--Basics

The standard procedure for commencing a divorce action is to file a petition for divorce. A summons must be served on your spouse. You may seek a temporary order if you wish to have the court resolve certain issues pending your final divorce trial. If matters involving children are in issue, then you may wish to seek a temporary order concerning such matters as custody, placement, and child support. If you and your spouse are in agreement with all issues involved in your divorce, then you may submit the following completed forms to the Clerk of Court and request that a final divorce date be assigned:

- Marital Property Settlement Agreement; must be approved by the Child Support Agency if minor children are involved and a child support worksheet must be attached
- Financial Disclosure by Husband (a copy of the most recent income tax return should be attached to your financial disclosure statement)
- Financial Disclosure by Wife (a copy of the most recent income tax return should be attached to your financial disclosure statement)
- Judgment of Divorce
- Certificate of Attendance at a Parenting Class by both spouses, if minor children are involved
- State of Wisconsin Vital Statistics form (obtain form from the Clerk of Court)